

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action¹, the Examiner rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement; and rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0013716 of Dunham et al. ("Dunham") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,042,005 to Basile et al. ("Basile"), U.S. Patent No. 6,335,688 to Sweatte ("Sweatte"), and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0037063 of Schwartz ("Schwartz"). In response to the Final Office Action, Applicants filed an Amendment After Final on May 14, 2010. In the Advisory Action mailed May 24, 2010, the Examiner maintained the claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and indicated that the proposed amendments would not be entered because a new search and consideration are required. Advisory Action at 2.

Applicants herewith file a Request for Continued for Examination, and request entry of the proposed amendments previously submitted in the Amendment After Final. By this Amendment, Applicants have additionally amended claims 1 and 13. Claims 1-24 remain pending, with claims 1 and 13 being independent. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

¹ The Final Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Final Office Action.

I. The § 112, First Paragraph, Rejection of Claims 1-24

The Examiner rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as purportedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Although Applicants disagree as explained in the Amendment After Final previously submitted on May 14, 2010, in order to advance prosecution, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to remove the recitation “monitoring physical welfare and financial welfare of the plurality of children in the welfare system simultaneously,” and have similarly amended independent claim 13. Claims 2-12 and 14-24 depend from amended independent claims 1 and 13, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 1-24.

II. The § 103 Rejection of Claims 1-24 Based on Dunham, Basile, Sweatte, and Schwartz

For at least the reasons explained in the Amendment After Final submitted on May 14, 2010, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection of claims 1-24 based on Dunham, Basile, Sweatte, and Schwartz.

III. Conclusion

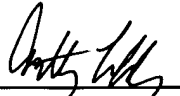
In view of the foregoing, and the remarks and amendments in the previously submitted Amendment After Final, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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